

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7447 W. LAWRENCE AVE.
HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706**

The Board of Trustees of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois convened at the regular meeting place of said Board on the 20th day of April 2026, at 6:31 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Ave., Harwood Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent, Chief Peistrup; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to promote Stephen Swank to the rank of Lieutenant effective April 1, 2026.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Swearing in of Lieutenant Stephen Swank.

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to go into recess.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Went into Recess at 6:37pm

Returned to meeting at 6:56pm

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent, Chief Peistrup; yes.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to suspend the rules to permit visitors to be recognized. The Board retains the right to refuse to recognize any individual if they feel their comments are not relevant or to "put them off" if they exceed their time allotment. After all, have had an opportunity to address the Board, the President moves the rules be reinstated, and the Board will proceed with meeting.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Massaro to approve the following minutes:

- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on March 16, 2026.
- Approve and keep Closed the March 16, 2016, Closed Session meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

Chief stated he hopes all is well and that all Trustees received a written report.

This month there were 361 calls for service. We are about 100 call fewer than at this point last year.

March 4th, we responded to a fire in Rosemont and on the 19th, we went Change of Quarters to North Maine.

We have four Advocate Lutheran General Paramedic students riding for a couple of months.

There were 21 applicants eligible for the entry level firefighter exam. Written is at the end of the month and oral interviews are in May.

The Civilian Paramedic that was on leave is back and the firefighter on leave is ahead of schedule to come back to work.

Engine 101 had to be towed last month, there was about \$25,000 in repairs needed.

The Maintenance Crew is doing a great job and has been proactive, saving the District a lot of money.

Clark Dietz and the generator company have been very busy behind the scenes. Next week the electric component should start.

The only bill that was not the norm was for PNC Bank for the lease on Tower 103.

Tax money is coming in, and if rates go over 4%, we will open another CD.
 Motion by Trustee Rybak seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the Chief's report for March 2026.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Rybak stated she has nothing to report.

Schedule of Assets
 (Arising from Cash Transactions)
 March 31, 2026

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$584,897.29
Wintrust -MM #2776	3,349,352.17
Wintrust- Checking #9771	31,771.73
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	592,978.95
Wintrust- Medical #0599	5,231.22
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,275.59
Wintrust- FSA #0713	24,426.67
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	110,226.61
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$4,700,160.23</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (3.6%, 02/10/28)	1,095,855.79
Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26)	659,471.31
Belmont Bank (3.65% 01/19/28)	1,095,899.22
Belmont Bank (4.25%, 3/29/26)	1,038,890.41
Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27)	1,025,798.19
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,915,914.92</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$9,616,075.15</u>

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the following:

- March's Account Payable Expenditures- \$641,274.61
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for March 2026

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
 Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
 Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
 Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated she had nothing to report.

Building and Equipment Committee- Trustee Wegrecki was absent.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated he had nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated Kindness Day is coming up and the firefighter/paramedics will be at Mariano's in Harwood Heights teaching CPR, giving Vial of Life, and swag bags.

Norridge/Harwood Heights Little League parade is Sunday.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated there was nothing to report.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve Fire Chief Jeffrey Peistrup's two-year contract effective July 1, 2026.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve Deputy Chief Larry Curran's two-year contract effective July 1, 2026.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Massaro to approve Ordinance #26-2, and Ordinance adopting and implementation an updates schedule of salaries and benefits for civilian paramedic employees of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the retirement agreement with Lieutenant Ronald Schneider.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President